

An ANSWER,

To Dr. *Jaque* Vindication,

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Master *KIRKWOODS* Defamation.

WERE it not on the Consideration, that this most Invective, False, and lying Paper has gone through the hands of many Hundreds of People, who, 'tis like, never once saw, read the account given by Mr. *Kirkwood* of his Plea with the Kirk-session, and Presbitry of *Kelfo*, it might be thought altogether needless to make any Answer thereto; For in effect, 'tis so far from being Vindication of the alledged Defamation, that it is not only a downright Confirmation, but a clear Commentary on, and an Enlargement of the whole affair.

Know therefore, that all Mr. *Kirkwood* sayes, (*Pag: 38*) upon his head is, that Mr. *Jaque* did let go one *Mistress Stone*, an English Woman, who brought forth a child in his House, and that, the common report went, to his own Son, without bringing her before any Judicature, Ecclesiastical, or Civil.

Now all this, and much more the Dr. confesses, giving, as he sayes faithful and plain account of the whole affair; The summe whereof is, that this Mrs. *Stone*, a rich Merchants Daughter in *London*, being acquainted with one *Vanderkistee* a Dutch-man, is married to him without her Parents Knowledge; Which thing she letting fall to the Dr. and his Wife, who was her near Kins-woman, they contrary to her inclination, inform her Parents. After inquiry made by them about *Vanderkistee's* Circumstances, 'twas found he Cohabited with another Woman, who was reputed his Wife, and by whom he had several Children then Living. Whereupon the Parents resolves to sue for a Divorce. In the mean time the Dr. is advis'd by them to carry away their Daughter to his House in *Tork-shire*, which accordingly was done: tho very much against her inclination. And

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besides it was also their desire (sayes the Dr.) that she should still go under the name of a Maid, in order to conceal the Marriage. After some abode in *York-shire*, he brings her and his Wife into *Scotland* to his Fathers House at *Biggar*; Where she liv'd about three Moneths, as a chaste Virgin, None all this time (except the Dr. and his Wife) knowing she was with Child, till the very Minute her pains of Child-Birth came upon her. The Dr. being at *Lanerick*, about 7 Miles distant, is alarm'd with the sudden news; For 'twas expected the Damsel had six weeks longer to go. Home he flies to his Fathers House, to Apologize for concealing the secreet so long: But his Father (he sayes) was so incens'd, both against him and Mrs. *Stone*, that he would neither hear, nor believe what they said; Tho she produc'd a Certificate from the Minister that Married her.

Now further know, that the Drs. Wife died some days only before this fell out; So that immediately the report run through the Country, that the young Gentle-woman, whom all took to be a Virgin; had brought forth a Child to Mr. *Jagues* Son, and that not without strong Presumption, his Wife was hastened a little too, early off the stage of this Life. In the mean time Mr. *Jaque* fretted, and was exceeding Impatient, till he got the sick Woman turn'd out of Doors: *She was no sooner able to stir about (sayes the Vind.) but he requir'd her to be gone.*

Now, Pray, tell, wherein Mr. *Kirkwood* faild in his Relation of this affair. Certainly, if in any thing, 'twas, that he comes short in telling all the Truth. Many things he omits, which might, and ought to be told: Others he qualifies and minces by representing them in milder terms, than the matter requires. Mr. *Jaque* (sayes he) *Let that Woman go, &c. He requir'd her to be gone, sayes the Vind.*

This is a strange business, if sounded to the Bottom. The Dr. confesses he was extreemly faulty, and inconsiderate; Guilty of an Egregious Act of Imprudence and Folly. An Act! A wonderfull Act! An Act with so long a train, that no Eye under Heaven can reach its End. 'Tis a continued Series, or Concatenation of a Thousand Acts; And all these perfect lyes, In a word, 'tis a meer sham; a
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down right *Imposture*. The beginning is told us; But where it was to end, GOD alone knows. It was hatch'd at *London*, From thence carried to *Tork-shire*, where it abode for sometime; Then came into *Scotland*, and settl'd at *Biggar*, in the worst place on Earth; In a place, where it was capable to do most Hurt.

Me-thinks I see the Dr. with this young Virgin laughing very heartily together, while alone in a Chamber, considering how notably they cheated all the World, and Especially the Honest, Old, Reverend Couple, the Father and Mother. And yet this laughter could not but end with great Anxiety of mind, how to carry when matters came to a Pinch.

Pray, might one say, Think you the Dr. had a mind to unfold this secret to his Parents, sometime before the Maids bringing forth the Child. It seems, No, for certainly the sooner the better. And, since he did it not any time of the six Weeks before his Wife fell sick; Nor in the eleven days of her sickness, nor after her Death; 'Tis highly probable he had no thought to do it at all. It would seem so indeed, but I must still ask what they resolv'd to do, when things came to extremity. He and she had six Weeks, you know, to advise about that; For according to her Reckoning, sayes the Vind. she had so much longer to go. No question they had determin'd already what to do. But I'm still in the mist; and therefore you'll excuse me; if I repeat my question by asking what course, or Method you think, they wou'd have taken, if GOD had not prevented their design. That's a Riddle, which I believe *OEdipus* himself could not unfold to you: But if I may give you my Conjecture, I'm apt to fancy, the Dr. had a mind to carry her to some secret Corner, where she might be eas'd of her Burden. A Doctor you know, can in a strait, act the Midwife pretty well. But, Pray, tell me, what they would have done with the innocent little Babe. GOD knows: All, I can say, is, if it chanc'd to be dead Born, any little hole was sufficient to shut it in. It was but a Spurious Brat, begotten, as the Dr. conceives in Adultery, what matter where it lye. And if it happened to be Born alive, many means, you know, are us'd to convey such poor *Animals* out of the way. And what next think you, wou'd the Dr. have done. He might then with great freedom return back to his Fathers House with this young Lady, and there get her Married to some Person of Honour, or rather take her to himself? For no question her Father (as the Dr. sayes) being an Eminent and Opulent Merchant in *London*, wou'd

not stand to give with his only Daughter, a very considerable Portion, especially to the Doctor, who had done him and her such Extraordinary good Service.

This if duly Considered, will be found a business of a most horrid Nature: For by this means the Doctor, or any other Person, who should marry this Woman, wou'd live and dye guilty of Adultery: So that at least, he is a Part, as we say, of that abominable iniquitie, he confesses in his Mind. (we need not cite the Page, there being but 7 in all) that with much difficulty he got this Woman perswaded to forsake her Husband, and go with him to *York shire*. He forc'd her to Perjure her self; and to break that Tie which God and Nature had made. He forc'd her by his Rhetorick. Curs'd is that Rhetorick, which perswadeth to do wickedness.

For this he seems to make an Apology, laying, he had promis'd to her Parents to do so and so. Ah! He promis'd to do wickedness, and must he perform it? Surely the Doctor, who is also a Divine, having once enter'd into that sacred Function, will teach no such Doctrine. Nor had the Parents such power over their Daughter, being now Married, as to force her to leave her Husband, and to go away with another man into a forraign Kingdom.

He further Apologizes thus: *It was found*, sayes he, *that Vanderkistee Cohabited with another Woman, who was reputed his Wife, and by whom he had several Children then Living; and therefore Mr. Stone resolv'd to pursue for a Divorce. Vanderkistee Cohabited with another Woman, &c.* Pray, where, Doctor? In *Holland*, or *London*? You are silent in this, as in many other very necessary Points. 'Tis more than Probable, 'twas not in *London*; For it can hardly be well suppos'd, that a man, especially one of so publick Employ, as they say he is, *Viz.* a *Mountebank*, who Cohabites with a Woman, that's reputed his Wife, and by whom he has several Children living, will be so mad, as to marry another Woman in that same City, it being a Capital Crime to do so. 'Tis therefore more likely 'twas done in *Holland* his Native Country.

The Doctor it seems has a great Veneration for common Fame tho at a good distance, even beyond Seas in a forraign Nation; and yet Condemns others forsaking notice of such matters done at their very door. He carries away a mans Wife against her will, because it was talk'd that her Husband had Cohabited with another Woman, as his Wife in a strange Nation.

He adds, *that Mr. Stone resolv'd to use his utmost Efforts to get a Divorce for his Daughter.* Pray, Doctor, has he yet got it? Yea, tell me, if he did ever Commence the Plea? 'Tis strange, if he resolv'd to use his utmost Efforts

Efforts, as you speak, and yet to this hour, now after many years, has not so much as begun the work. It wou'd seem you have found out a much better way, to separate man and Wife, than by a long and expensive Periluit in Law. One thing here, Doctor is pretty astonishing, you will not surely deny, but the Wifes presence is absolutely necessary at the obtaining a Divorce; And yet in the mean time that this is to be had, you carry her out of the way into another Kingdom. Doctor, Doctor; Your tale tells very ill. You'll have hard work to reconcile one thing with another. And besides, by this your carriage, you shew your self to be above Law; For you will not wait, till matters be decided by a Judge, and that in a business, where; in you are little, or nothing concern'd.

A third Apology, is the Doctors acknowledging his Fault. He confesses that he was *Extreamly faulty and inconsiderate in the matter; guilty of an Egregious Act of Imprudence and Folly in not making the thing known to his Parents before the Womans delivery.* He adds, *that he is so far from Extenuating his Crime, that he is willing to Agravate it against himself.*

May it not seem very strange to see a man, who is guilty of several faults, some of less, some of more heinous a Nature, only troubl'd for a lesser fault, but not touch'd with the sense of the more horrid Crimes. There's too just ground to suspect the sincerity of such a mans Repentance, even for the lesser fault. This truly is the Doctors case. He seems sorrowfull for what he has done in this Affair Relating to his Parents, which is but a small fault, when compar'd with the great injury done *Vanderkistee.* Where's his sorrow for that? Not one Syllable here relating thereto. Hence the Doctors Repentance is but in part, and by far the more inconsiderable. And besides, we have too great reason to think, that even this sorrow the Doctor seems to have, is at best but forc'd; For, if Providence had not prevented him, he had run on; God knows, how far.

There's one thing here following, which by far is the most astonishing of any in this whole Paper; And gives the greatest Offence to all, that hear the same. *The Doctor, saves the Vind. has ever since suffer'd, as a punishment, his Fathers displeasure, and has been an Exile both from his Favour and presence.* Now, think you it not a very strange thing, if the sons Crime be, as is here Represented, and he so penitent for it, and most willing to fall down on his knees to beg his Fathers pardon; Is it not, we say, a very strange and Unnatural thing, that the Father, now after many Years will not suffer his son to come into his presence, and that so much pains has been taken by several Persons, to Reconcile Father and Son; but all in vain. And certainly never any in the World had more, and stronger motives, pressing them to be reconcil'd, than Mr. Jaque has.

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To pass that he is a Minister of the Gospel, and a man of no small Natural parts, and one well advanc'd in Years, being above 70 and not only very tender and sickly, But is, and has been these 7 or 8 Moneths before the publishing of his sons paper, so exceedingly oppress'd with several painfull Discales (*Gout and Gravel, &c.*) that many alledge he can hardly well recover. To pass, we lay these verie weightie Motives to induce the Father to be reconciled with his son, further know, that he is his only Child alive, and being a Professor of Medicine is thereby in a Capacity to be very serviceable to him in his present Circumstances. And is it not a cruel and Unnatural thing in a Father absolutely to refuse to admit his only Child into his presence; and especially now when he is very like to go off the stage of this World, and step into Eternity? Now, I say, when he ought to call for him; And give him his best advice, and his blessing before he die. What is this, but as't were to Curse his son in stead of Blessing him? Good *Jacob* did not treat his Sons *Reuben, Simeon and Levi* after this manner; Tho the first was guilty of Incest, *Gen: 35. 22.* The other two of many cruel Murders, *34. 25.* Yet this holy man did not banish these his Sons out of his Family, And at his Death blessed them, *49. 28.* There's one Consideration, which highly Aggravates Mr. *Jaque* (a riage, *Viz.* That his son goes frequently to his house, they both living in *Kells*) but is never admitted into the same Room with his dying Father: For know that Mr. *Jaque* in time of his sickness being in an upper Chamber, and his Wife in one below, neither of them for several Moneths were able to go the one to the other; For she is no less infirm than he; So that the son has frequent access to his Mother; But never suffer'd to go in to his Father.

Another very pressing Motive is, That this unnatural carriage of the Father does much confirm the Report, that went of his Son at *Biggar*.

The chief Reason, why he ought to be reconcil'd, is the great Scandal his Carriage gives to many thousands of People. And that which exceedingly aggravats this Point, is, That of late he preach'd near a whole Year twice a day upon that Verse of *St. Luke 15. 24.* about the Prodigal. And does it not, think you, give ground of Offence so palpably to teach others one thing, and practise the contrary himself.

We must not here omit to do Mr. *Jaque* all the Justice that's due him, tho perhaps it will not a little empair his Son's Credit; Nor likely much advance his own Praise. In short therefore know, that, when

when some Persons of good Note were discoursing with him about his severe Carriage towards his Son, he told them, 'twas not so much for that business, which fell out at *Biggar*, as for a matter of greater Consequence, which he would communicate to no person save one, and that he had done already.

How here to reconcile the Father's Words with these of his Son above-mentioned; we can't see, the one saying their difference is on the account of that business at *Biggar*, the other for a matter of greater consequence.

We now come to the grand Apology made use of by the Doctor, the Summ whereof amounts to this; viz: *I'm not*, says he, *the Father of that Child brought forth by Mrs. Stone at Biggar, because she is married to one Vanderkistee a Dutch Man.*

That she is Married, he proves thus. 1^{mo}. She produc'd a Certificat to Mr. *Jaque*, from the Minister that married her. 2^{do}. Her Father wrote from *London* to Mr. *Jaque*, that she was married to *Vanderkistee*. 3^{tio}. Mr. *Burroughs*, Son in Law to Mr. *Jaque* wrote also to him from *London*, that he hear'd out of *Vanderkistee's* own Mouth, that he was Lawfully Married to her, and had bedded with her.

To pass here, that single Letters about Matters of this kind from remote places, are often found meer Cheats and Lies, especially coming from persons so much Interessed; We say, that Mr. *Jaque* ought not to sit Judge in such a Cause relating to his Son: He was not to determine, whether these Letters were sufficient Evidences of the matter under debate, or not.

But let us grant all that's crav'd, and suppose, that Mrs. *Stone*, is Lawfully married to *Vanderkistee*, &c. It will not hence follow, that the Dr. is free, as he pretends, of any Crime, except that Act of Imprudence and Folly, (as he calls it) in not making known to his Parents, Mrs. *Stone's* Circumstances before her delivery. That's indeed an instance of great Folly; Yet no real injury is thereby done to any person, only a great offence given to all that hear thereof. But besides this Scandal, there is horrid iniquity and injustice committed in this matter, And that, which highly aggravates the Crime, is, that the injury is irreparable. Pray, good Dr. (to pass that 'tis a most Heinous Crime, to perswade a young Damself to perjure her self)
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In sober earnest let me ask, if you think it not a very great Act of injustice, to carry away a Mans Wife some few days after Marriage, into a Forraign Nation, to a place 3 or 400 Miles distant. If you take away a Mans Horse, or Paris, he may get you hang'd for your pains, tho you offer to repair the Damage. What must it then be to take away a Mans Wife, being that which is dearest and nearest to him of any thing in this World; And the loss altogether irreparable. Be ingenuous, I say: Would you contentedly have suffer'd this of another Person. Suppose *Vanderkistee* had entic'd your Wife three or four days after Marriage, to go with him to a Forraign Kingdom, and kept her there till she brought forth her first Born; Pray, good Dr. tell me freely, what thoughts you wou'd have had of him in such strange Circumstances. What wou'd you have said to him, if he had been cast in your way; Or rather, what wou'd you have done to him, if you'd had such an opportunity, as you could wish. Surelie You'l say (if you have but one dram of ingenuity) that cudgelling in the severest manner imaginable, is too too slender a punishment for so Heinous a Crime, Yea, that tho you pursued him to death by the Hand of Justice, he wou'd get but what he deserv'd.

I know very well, Dr. you'l tell me; That I'm supposing all alongs that which is not; That I speak, as if you had been too too familiar with Madam *Vanderkistee*; Whereas you never once had a thought tending that way. Doctor, I must freely tell you, that what you say, is no less absurd. and Ridiculous, than if you should carry away your Neighbours Mare 3 or ⁴⁰⁰ Miles, and when you are challeng'd, to tell him, you never once laid your Leg over her, Besides Dr. what if he in the *Interim*, having use of his Mare broake into some Bodies Park, and there took the Readiest? Certainly you are a Sharer in his Wickedness, and if one of you must hang, far rather you, than he. You pretend, you are altogether Innocent as to this particular, and will have the World to believe 'tis so, and that upon your simple word, in opposition to the strongest presumptions almost can be. Doctor, We have a good old Scots Proverb, very applicable to your Case.

If you do no Ill, do not Ill-like;

If you steal not my Kail, break not my Dyke.

I dare not, nor will I say, you are surely guilty as to this Point; Yet I must be so free, as to tell you plainly that, which ten thousand think

think, *Viz.* They see not wherein they transgress the Bounds of Christian Charity, tho' they have thoughts quite differing from what you pretend to in this Matter. They see you but a Man, and that a Young Man, made up of Flesh and Blood like themselves. They find also the Gentle-woman forward enough that way, else she had not behav'd, as she has done without her Parents Consent: And having once, you know, travelled that Road, she would with the greater freedom go it over again.

I need not tell you, Doctor, what a mighty Temptation Opportunity is; And this you had in an eminent manner a thousand times. Besides, 'tis safe Fishing, as we say, in drumly waters. There was no fear, such underhand dealing should appear above Board.

Nor will it satisfy a considering person to say, you had Work enough to do at home. Alas, see we not too too many going abroad, when it were fitter, they should be employed within their own doors.

But I know *Topical Arguments* are of no Force with those, who think their bare word should pass for a *Demonstration*, which is all the Doctor can pretend to in this, and many other Points of his Paper.

We shall leave off to start any more Questions, tho' hundreds all alongs this Paper offer themselves very appositely to our Consideration, and come to some other Things of greater Moment, at least more pertinent to our present purpose.

And first, We appeal to any indifferent, and unbiassed Person, that will seriously consider this whole Affair, with all its various Circumstances, whether or not Mr. *Jaque* acted like himself in requiring that Woman to be gone, who in such a Surprise brought forth a Child in his own House to his own Son, as the common report went? Was it not, we say, his Duty, as a Christian, much more as a Minister of the Gospel in that place, and Father to the Person so calumniated by common Fame, as is pretended, to have vindicated him in a legal manner from these horrid Aspersions, that went up and down the whole Country of him. And if it was his Duty so to do, no person ought to blame Mr. *Kirkwood* for what he says in his Book relating to this Affair.

As to other things in this Paper, 'tis needless to be at much pains to give them any return, most of them being altogether impertinent, others in so general and ambiguous terms that the best Answer is a flat Denyal; Some not only grots Falshoods, but manifest Lies; And in not a few one may very well grant the Premisses, and yet deny the *Inference*: We need not travel far into it to find out Instances. Lo, one in its very Front. The words are, *The like of Mr. K's. Pamphlet, all things being considered, was never written in any Language by any Perswasion, being both Prophane, Blasphemous, and Obscene.* We may safely grant you, that never before this time such a Book was written; Because never any person had such an Occasion, or such a Subject to write on: Never, we say, was such a Judicature on Earth, and acted such things, as that, which sat at *Kelfo* 24. September 1695. Of which at large from the 8. *Seet.* to the 22, *Part* 3.

We shall also confess, that there are some Words in Mr. *Kirkwood's* Book, which may give Offence to a Modest Ear, and therefore may be called Prophane, or Obscene, (for both these words may pass here, as one, tho' the Doctor makes a difference by interposing a third, and that without any ground) Yet we positively assert, that Mr. *Jaque* and his Elders are justly blameable upon that head, and not Mr. *Kirkwood*. They most falsly inserted these words into his Libel, and have recorded them in all the Registers of the Kirk of *Scotland*, and publish'd them by Word and Write, far and wide, through the Kingdom to disgrace him; And may not he repeat their Words for his own Vindication?

And further know, that it were very easie, were we not hastening to a close, to shew you from this Paper a vast number of abominable Lies: But we shall content our selves with this one, which may well pass muster for all the rest. The Doctor's words are, *The Honourable, Pious, and Learn'd Nobility and Gentry of this Ancient Kingdom, who favour the Church Judicatures with their presence and assistance as Ruling Elders, are not exempted from Mr. K's. severe and false Censures of Partiality, Injustice, Envy, Malice, Ignorance and Falshood.*

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his Book ; And that not transciently, or by the by ; But brought in as 'twere with an OES in express Terms, prefixing to it a Title, viz. *A necessary Caution*, Page 79. Pray, sayes Mr. Kirkwood, *do not mistake us, as if we were charging ALL the Members of the Syond as guilty of the above-mentioned Crimes, No, No: We are far from that. ALL the Worthie Gentle men, Sir John Home, Sir John Pringle, and others, with a good Number of the People, did what lay in their power to stop the Carrier of the furious multitude, but were not able; Especially, when it came to a Vote, where a Dunce can do as much as much as a Solomon.* And page 128. are these words; *As to the many Honourable and Wor- thy Gentlemen, the Ruling Elders, Mr. Kirkwood here declares them altogether Innocent, and free of having any hand in the Sentence past against him.*

Yea, how frequently in his Book does he lament and bemoan his sad misfortune, that Gentlemen sat not his Judges, page 49. *We must not here omit (sayes he) to tell you, that we are far from ascribing these wild and exorbitant Actings to every Member of the Committee. No, No, Not to the half of them. These Worthie Gentle-men above nam'd, would certainly have abhor'd to sit amongst the Actors of such gross Enormities. Alas! alas! (he adds) It has been Mr. Kirkwood's great Misfortune, that Gentle-men kept not Diets: Many never came, and some very seldom.*

Now, good Reader, do you not think the Doctor has been bewitch'd ; At least hudgey demented and blinded with the Passions of excessive Malice, Envy, Revenge, and such like Prejudices, which have instigated him to write against the very Light of the Sun at noon-tide? By this one Instance you may conjecture, what kind of Paper the Doctors is, if duely compar'd with Mr. Kirkwood's Book. To conclude ; These most scurrilous, affected, and bombast words, therewith the Doctor's Paper is, as 'twere cram'd, viz. *The Crazie-headed Pamphleter; The Vacuum of his Cholerick Brain; He has the ticks in his Understanding, &c.* deserves no Answer, except to be laugh'd at, or retorted upon himself with far greater Reason, than he in a most malicious manner would throw them upon another. Such words may perhaps amuse the Vulgar Reader, whose capacity seldom

dom reaches further, than the out-side of things; But Men of Understanding, who can discern the true Use and Importance of words, will laugh at such silly, empty, and frivolous *Notions* and *Chimera's* of a Pedantick Mountebank, and not the grave Expressions of a Learned and Skilful Professor of Medicine: For in effect, whosoever shall narrowly consider this whole Affair, will palpably see that the Doctors Intellectuals are mighty shallow, if we may judge of the Tree by its Fruit: So that upon just Ground it may be said, that he not only has the Rickets in his distorted and decrepit body in a very eminent manner; But that they are flown up into his empty brain, and there have begot such a strange *Vertigo* or Giddiness in his Noddle, that it made him run round two Kingdoms with another Man's Wife hanging by his tail, giving out to all persons whosoever he went, that she was a Chaste and Pure Virgin.

The Doctor concludes with this old Saying, *Quas Deus vult perdere, prius dementat*, applying it to Mr. Kirkwood: But with his leave he may upon better Ground take it to himself; since he openly acknowledges, that he is guilty of the height of Imprudence and Folly. And that not in a single Act, or two, but in a long continued Series of a vast number of various kinds of most horrid and wicked deeds amounting to no less, (in the Sense and Judgement of his old Father than that unpardonable Sin against the HOLY GHOST: So that GOD, it seems, has quite robb'd him of all his Intellectual Faculties leaving him nothing in their Room, but a *Chimerical Vacuum*, (use his own word) as a fit Receptacle for all sorts of malignant Spirits. For certainly no good Quality can lodge with excessive Folly and Imprudence, if we may apply with a little Variation, that Saying of the Moralist.

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